Amendment No. 1 to SB0243

Kelsey Signature of Sponsor

AMEND Senate Bill No. 243*

House Bill No. 548

by deleting SECTION 1 of the bill and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 26, Chapter 2, Part 2, is amended by adding a new section thereto, as follows:

26-2-225. A judgment debtor whose salaries, wages or other compensation are subject to a garnishment shall notify the clerk of court who sent the notice of garnishment and the judgment creditor within ten (10) days, as computed in § 1-3-102, of obtaining new employment. Notice to the judgment creditor shall be by certified mail. Upon receiving notice pursuant to this section, the clerk shall amend the writ of garnishment to reflect the name, address and telephone number of the new employer. The clerk shall reissue the garnishment and cause it to be served upon the new employer by the sheriff. All fees associated with the clerk amending and reissuing and the sheriff serving the amended writ of garnishment shall be the responsibility of the judgment debtor. A judgment debtor who fails to provide notice of new employment in compliance with this section is in contempt of court and, upon the court making a determination of contempt, shall be punished the same as contempt of court in a judicial proceeding. For purposes of a determination of contempt, if the debtor's notification of new employment to the clerk is made by mail, it shall be considered timely sent if mailed less than ten (10) days from the date of obtaining new employment.